RAILROAD NEWS.

One Broken Car Delayed Five General Superintendent Nickerson on Santa Fe Trains.

Fast Mail Held Over Five Hours Behind It.

A CAR WHEEL BROKE.

Car of Wheat Dropped and Blocked Track.

Flyer, Two Number Eights and Plug Held This Side.

Fast freight No. 36 met with a mishap at Lake View about 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning, blocking the track about six ours, holding the fast mail 51/2 hours into Topeka, and four other passenger trains on this side of the scene of the

trains on this side of the scene of the wreck. A goodly fine accrued to the company on the feny to the fast mail, making the break down of a single car quite a costly wreck after all.

While going east at a smart clip one of the wheels broke under a car of wheat and the car dropped to the tracks. The train sild along with the car of wheat en its broken truck for 500 feet before it could be stopped. The wreck crew from Topeka went down and cleared the Topeka went down and cleared the

besides the delay to the fast mail, which was held at Lawrence, the east-bound Culifornia limited was held up at Lecompton several hours. Fist 8 and second 8 were laid out at Spencer and the Kansas City plug was not started from Topeka till an hour or more behind schedule time. The fast mall arrived in Topeka at 9:30 and morning papers were delivered about the time people had given up worrying over their non-arrival.

CHARGE CHILDREN BY WEIGHT Railway Age Has Brilliant Plan to Correct Half-Fare Abuses.

In reply to the facetious suggestion of a general passenger agent who appreciates the difficulties of licket agents and conductors in attempting to pass on the age of children in order to decide whether they are under 5 and may ride free, or between 5 and 10 and may enjoy half fare netwiseers. But in whose of years the test

DRAWING ROOMS ON LIMITED Two Fares For a Single Individual's Exclusive Use.

management has decided that if one person wishes to occupy a drawing room exclusively he must pay double first class faro, as well as the regular Pullman charges for the drawing room. This rule requiring at least twe fares to be paid for every drawing occupied is unique in railroad service. The Pullman has always charged one price for drawing rooms, whether occupied by one or more persons, but no railroad company has ever insisted that it must derive at least the revenue from two first class tickets for every drawing room occupied.

"We are forced to make this innovation in order to protect ourselves as well as possible," said an official of the passencer department of the Santa Fe. "The excess of running such a train as our 'limited' from Chicago to the Pacific const is ferly heavy, and the margin of profit is of snormous if every passenger possible carried. The Pullman company charges bout as much for a drawing room as for hire berths, and the price is paid within the complaint by the persons who have

FIFTY TONS OF CANDY

Have Been Sent to Our Soldiers In the Philippine Islands by the Government.

Fifty tons of candy have been sent to Fifty tons of calley have been sent to the soldiers in the Philippine Islands by the commissary department of the army during the last three months and large amounts to the soldiers in Cuba and

This is done upon advice of the medi-cal officers of the army, because it is a physiological fact that a moderate con-aumption of confectionery promotes health and satisfies a natural craving of

Candy was never furnished to the United States army before although it has been commonly used as a ration by the French and British troops in the

This explodes another old fashloned theory that aweets were injurious to the digestive organs, while a moderate use of rweets is actually beneficial.

Very few things are injurious and the food cranks who silvocate the use of a few grains and vegetables and decry the use of sweets and ments are in error, as a wholesome variety of meat and vegetable, food is absolutely necessary for the maintenance of the highest condition of health.

the appetite craves and if there is any discomfort or trouble in digesting meat and sweets, the difficulty can be readily and sweets, the difficulty can be readily overcome by the regular use after meals of some safe digestive composed of pepsin and diastase which will assist the stomach by increasing the flow of gastric foice and furnish the natural peptone lacking in weak stomachs.

The best preparation of this kind is probably Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets which may be found at all drug stores. Years of use have demonstrated the value and effectiveness of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets in all cases of impaired

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"Little Colds" neglected—thousands of lives sacrificed every year. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures little colds—cures big colds, too, down to the very verge of consumption.

Assassin McDonald Is Better. Washington, Dec. 24.—Samuel McDonald Is Better.

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such accommodations. We have decide to charge rallway fare on a basis of onl-two occupants of each drawing room."

HEADED FOR COAST ALSO.

Kansas City, Kansas, Viaduct

Car Order Increased.

AT DODGE CITY.

return to work. N. Hobble is working again after sev-

SHOT ONE PRISONER.

Belated Story About Mutiny at

It has leaked out at the State house

tration has been making an effort to sup-press the news of this incident. Where was W. Y. Morgan with his Hutchinson News?

CASE OF RES JUDICATA. Federal Jury Devoted Itself to Things of the Past. During the monotonous deliberation over verdicts in the federal court last week, the juries have been discussing and disposing of various subjects, not minutely identified with the work in

one day was spent in discussing the Collins case. A vote was later taken, ten of the Jurymen voting that John Collins is innocent: the other two voting that he is guilty of the crime for which he has been convicted and sent to the remiserations.

SNEAK THIEVES WORK.

Residence of W. Littlefield Robbed of

Eight Dollars.

Some one entered the back door of the

residence of W. Littlefield, 1018 Topeka

avenue Saturday morning and stole a

avenue Saturday morning and stole a pocketbook containing \$8.

Mrs. Littlefield heard some one shut the back door and when she went to investigate could see no one. It was soon learned that the pocketbook had been taken and then the police were notified. They learned that a colored man was seen to run from the alley back to the house, but were unable to obtain a description of him.

HELD UP FOR A NICKEL.

Iowa Highwaymen Poorly Paid For a Night's Work.

Sloux City, In., Dec. 24.-Den Forbes, a

Chased by a Pack of Wolves.

Menominee, Mich., Dec. 24—A. J. McAllister, a foreman for Mann Brothers of Milwankee, was chased by a pack of the of the freezing cold for six hours until rescued last night by men from the camp who were scouring the woods for him.

Hutchinson Reformatory.

Templar Christmas Morning. In accordance with their annual cus tom, Topeka commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, will hold Christmas services in Masonic hall Christmas morning at 11 o'clock. The exercises are open to the public. The following Mexican Central's Project. The Mexican Central is going to extend its Guadala ara line to the Pacific coast. Two hundred and fifty miles of new line ar to be built next year, which will take it into Mansanillo. This harbor is much farther south than is Port Stillwell, the point to which the projected Kansas City, Mexico & Orient is building.

General Superintendent H. R. Nickerson spoke of the prosperity that is being enjoyed by the Mexican Central and of the new lines it is building in an interview with a State Journal reporter. Mr. Nickerson and family are spending the holidays in Topeka. In the course of the interview he said:

"The Mexican Central is prosperous and doing lots of business. We are having coplous rains down in that country just at the present time, which is unusual. They are not giving us floods or trouble of any kind, but are very beneficial. They will do a great deal of good for the general productiveness of the country.

"We are huilding a great deal of new road. Two hundred miles were built during the past year. This was on branch lines. We are preparing to build 250 miles of new road next summer. This is headed for the Pacific coast. It will come out at Manzanillo, which is several hundred miles south along the coast from Topolobampo, where the Grient road is to have its terminus.

"The Orient will cross our line some-

programme has been arranged:

- MASONIC EXERCISES.

Address Ex-Prelate.

Hear the Prophecy! Isaiah xi, 1 to 7
(all seated) Ex-Prelate.

Solo...

its terminus.

"The Orient will cross our line somewhere in the state of Chihuahua, I presume, in the neighborhood of the city of Chihuahua, it is a line that will cross us at a large angle. It does not run parallel." Mr. Nickerson left in his private car-last evening for Chicago to attend to some business matters, but will return to this city in a day or so.

REPLY TO HARRISON.

Sen. Beveridge Defends Policy of the Administration.

General Attorney N. H. Loomis of the Union Pacific Railroad company and Attorney W. F. Evans of the law department of the Chicago. Rock Island & Pacific Railroad company, held a conference in Kansas City, Kan, with aspecial committee of the city council to arrange for the erection of a viaduct across the tracks of the two companies at Tenth street in that city. The failroad companies are willing to build the viaduct, assuming all the expense of the faine, and the meeting was for the purpose of exchanging ideas as to what kind of astructure should be built. The plans will be drawn up jointly by the two enil sees. The proposed viaduct will cost fully \$100,000 and is to be erected as quickly as possible. New York, Dec. 24.-Senator Albert J. Reveridge, of Indiana, delivered a speech Saturday at the annual dinner of the New England society, held in the Waldorf-Astoria, which transcends any The Rock Island's new car order for the building of 1.000 freight cars has been increased to 1.400. There are to be built 900 box cars, including the 250 specially constructed cars for the transportation of cotton, and 500 stock cars. previous utterance by a public man in the United States, favoring the retention of the territory wrested from Spain.

The address was in every way remarkable; first, because of Senator Beverable; first, because of Senator Beveridge's prominence in the fight in the senate ugainst the Porto Rican tariff. bill; secondly, because those present recognized it as a reply to General Harrison's speech of a few days ago at Ann Arbor, and finally for the passionate enthusiasm with which the Indiana senator advanced his ideas upon "The Puritan spirit and the new epoch in our national life," that being the toast to which he responded. Senator Beveridge said in part: That was the Kid of Denver the boys were up against last week.

Wm. Gardner was in the city a few days this week, but will return to the country for New Year's and then will eral weeks lay off.

Ed Bowen has reported for work.

Geo Carrier is at work again.

Yard Master Eugene Walker is preparing for cold weather. Did you notice?

aid in part:
"The Puritan spirit is constructive The Puritan spirit is constructive. The new epoch in our national life will be constructive. The Puritan spirit never criticized except to propose something better. It felled forests only to erect bulldings. The word of immortality in Puritanism is the master word oreate. Build, build—this is the method oreate. Build, build—this is the Ameriof Puritanism as applied to the Ameri-can people in this new epoch of our national life.

national life.

"It is unavailing to argue that the recent change wrought on the map of the world ought never to have been made. The change has occurred. that during a general effort to escape, made by the immates of the Hutchinson reformatory last month, one of the prisoners was shot and dangerously injured by one of the guards.

A large number of the prisoners were escaping through the reformatory bakery, having completed plans for a general delivery of the immates.

Several weeks have been spent in pursuit of the prisoners, and the one who was shot was so refractory in his refusals to surrender that a charge of shot was used. Surrender was immediate and the unfortunite prisoner his since been in charge of the prison physician. He is said to be in a precarious condition. The administration has been making an effort to supposes the news of plysiciant. Where

constructive and righteous Puritan spirit must dominate this intense situation. We ought not to be merely imitative any more than we ought to be corrupt. New circumstances require new laws. It is not against these new laws that they are different in method and even in principle from the old laws. New laws and new methods are not bad just because they are new.

"Let us be specific. The Philippine people are to be governed. We can govern them best by considering them as they are. We cannot deal with them as we would with New Englanders.

"We must not ignore differences of location, condition, climate, race. We must have the adaptability of common sense. The Puritan was the greatest maker of precedents the world has ever seen. And to make a precedent when needed is as noble as to follow a precedent when proper, Constructive is the office of our epoch, and therefore we invoke the creative spirit of the Puritan.

"Our constitution does not prohibit this, It says: Congress shall have power to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting territory and other property belonging to the United States." Even if this present development was not dreamed of when the constitution was framed, that ordinance of national life still authorizes it.

"For the constitution grows as the people grow. Otherwise the people would

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"The constitution is not a contract of purchase and sale, or a deed, or a life insurance policy. Is is an ordinance of national life. Let us thank God for a Hamilton and a Marshall. The constitution was made for the American people, not the American people, not the American people, intuition. The constitution does not give immortality to the nation; the nation gives immortality to the constitution.

"The saying that 'the constitution follows the flag is only partly true. The whole truth is this: Our institutions follow the flag, the simplest first, later the whole truth is this: Our hashinans the low the flag, the simplest first, later the more complex and finally, when the way is prepared, our noblest institution, the American constitution—free schools, equal laws, impartial justice, social order and at last the constitution. First the blade, then the spear, the full corn in the sar.

Sioux City, In., Dec. 24.—Den Forbes, a farmer living between Dakota City and South Sioux City, Neb., reported today that highwaymen sprung from the road-side as he was returning home Saturday night, and at the point of a revolver demanded his money.

It was known that he had sold a load of wheat at Sioux City during the day blade, then the spear, the full corn in the ear.

"The American constitution follows the flag, to put it in another way, when the American people deem it best and the American people may be trusted."

Senator Beveridge, was frequently interrupted by applause, and seemed to have the sympathy of his audience. His speech completely overshadowed those of President Hadley of Yale, who responded to the toast "Forefathers' Day," Professor Woodrow Wilson on "The Pur-Professor Woodrow Wilson on "The Puritan Example in Letters and Affairs." and St. Clair McKelway, who spoke to the toast, "New England Spirit in Press and Pulpit."

Assassin McDonald Is Better.

STRIKES WON'T DO. a Failure.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—"You can never solve the social problem by strikes; that is my experience after twenty years' experience in the movement," said Peter Curran, chairman of the general Pederation of Trades Unions of Great Britain, in speaking to the workingmen of Chicago at a meeting held under the auspices of the Building Trades council. Mr. Curran came to this country as the fraternal delegate from the British trades union congress to the American Federation of Labor convention and represents about 2,000,000 organized workers in the United Kingdom. He is president and organizer of the Gas Workers' and General Laborers' union, with general offices in London. Mr.

president and organizer of the Gas Workers' and General Laborers' union, with general offices in London. Mr. Curran said:

"After spending more money in England during the last twenty-five years on the industrial battlefield than would keep 700 men legislating for our interests in the houses of parliament, we have come to the conclusion that we must have something to say about the making of the laws under which we have to work, and we must get away from the orthodox political parties if we hope to secure what we seek.

"The only possibility of our securing labor legislation is by sending our own men to parliament, not as our masters, but as our servants. You never can solve the social problem by strikes, never remedy the social evils of which you complain by muscular force. You must do it through legislation. I am not in favor of any laws which would take away the right of the worker to strikes, but I am not an advocate of strikes.

"There is only one solution and that is in common ownership, for as long as we allow the land and the machinery of the country to be held as private monopolles by the few, so long will we have industrial disputes and upheavals."

TWENTY PERSONS INJURED

Disastrous Wreck on the Mexican

National Railroad. Chicago, Dec. 24.—A special to the Tribune from Montrey, Mex., says:

Particulars of a disastrous wreck of a north bound passenger train on the Mexican National railroad in which a score of persons were injured have just reached here. The accident happened near Salraterna, in the state of San Luis Potosi

Potosi.

The track spread and the engine jumed the track and turned over. The sleeping car, which was filled with passengers, among them being a number of Americans followed the first and second class day coaches.

Over twenty persons are reported to have been injured. Engineer Dupree and Conductor Wilson were painfully scalded.

The names of the passengers who were injured are not known here. Those who were the most seriously injured were taken to San Lulis Potosi, where they had medical attention.

GARDINER'S REMOVAL.

Ex-Mayor Hewitt Discusses Gov. Roosevelt's Action.

New York, Dec. 24 .- "The removal of District Attorney Gardiner," ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt said, last night, "cannot but be regarded with satisfaction from whatever point of view the situation is looked at. Governor Roosevelt has acted with extreme wisdom. He does not seem to have taken advantage of the opportunity that was presented to him to make partisan capital out of it. It is to be inferred, from the fact that he appointed a Democrat to succeed Mr. Gardiner, that he was not swayed by partisan motives in taking the action that he did. I think that the general feeling at the election thine was that the officers of the law had behaved very badly. Gardiner, Devery, the mayor and the sheriff adopted altogether a false position at the time of the section, but while the mayor and the sheriff subsequently absolved themselves, the district attorney did not."

Replying to ga inquiry as to what effect in his opinion, the change in the administration of the district attorney's office would have upon the reform efforts which had been instituted, Mr. Hewitt said:

which had been instituted, Mr. Hewitt said:

"I should think that it was the first effective step toward reaffzing such reform as is possible in a city like New York. But in this matter of reform, I would like to say that the people must not expect too much. Much will have been accomplished when the city is made a decent place to live in. Vice cannot be got rid of until virtue is substitued for it. That transformation will prove a slow process. It will take centuries, in fact, to bring it about Improve conditions and the population and the morality of the community will improve.

"I cannot help saying that the police and that department of the government which has to do with criminal matters have been indifferent to their duty, and apparently have been encouraging vice. That has produced a great reaction in the public mind and has led to the reform

HANNAS BUY FLOWERS. Corner the Market to Get Supply For Daughter's Debut.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 24.—That the coming out party New Year's night of Miss Ruth Hanna, daughter of the famous senator, will be one of the most costly and magnificent functions ever held in Cleveland is evidenced by the fact that Mrs. Hanna has obtained a corner on the choice flowers and plants from the many greenhouses for the purpose of decorating Chamber of Commerce hall, where the party will be held, and has engaged the services of several florists to do the decorating, stipulating that for three days prior to the function she is to have their exclusive services. to have their exclusive services.

Has a New Ear Grafted.

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Chicago, Dec. 24.—Herbert Daniels, of Valentine, Neb., came to Chicago recently with only a part of one ear. He returned home yesterday with a complete organ. He read of Dr. Elmer Prescott's successful operation on Felix Mauchet, who was given practically a new hand, so he applied for an ear. Skin from his neck was taken and a new lobe formed. This was grafted onto the proper place and it grew successfully. Mr. Daniels lost his aural appendage in a fight, the other gentleman having used his teeth to secure the morsel. to secure the morsel.

Missouri Town Alarmed. Poplar Bluff, Mo., Dec. 24.—The city council of Charleston, Mo., at a special meeting, held Saturday night, adopted meeting, held Saturday night, adopted resolutions prohibiting the sale of co-caine, opium or morphine within the city limits. This action was taken on account of the rapidly increasing demand for the drugs by women in the town, there being by actual count over fifty confirmed slaves to these drugs. Many cases of insanity have resulted on its account and some crimes have been traced to its use. Fearful that insanity would increase and more crimes sanity would increase and more crimes would occur, the authorities decided to stop its sale entirely.

WU IS DISAPPOINTED.

Services Will Be Held by Knights English Labor Leader Says They Are Chinese Minister Is Not Pleased With

Washington, Dec. 24.—Diplomatic circles discussed with interest today the provisions of the joint agreement which has been signed by the representatives of the powers at Pekin for presentation to the Chinese plenipotentiaries. The hope is generally expressed that the latter will act promptly in the consideration of the note and thus pave the way for prompt negotiations for the settlement of peace terms.

To Mr. Wu, the Chinese minister, the demands made by the powers are a koen disappointment and are not such in his opinion as should have animated the governments, which have the ultimate best interests of the Chinese empire at heart. He regards them as harsh and severe, but expresses the Terms of the Joint Agreement

harsh and severe, but expresses the hope that they will be discussed by both sides in an amicable and conciliatory spirit and that the powers eventually will ameliorate many of the objectionable features.

able features.

Mr. Wu expects that while Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching are fully qualified to act in the matter, yet the terms of the note will be sent by telegraph to the court at its present abode, which is connected with Pekin by telegraph.

IN CONFERENCE.

Leading Capitalists of the Country Meet in New York.

New York, Dec. 24.-The Herald says: James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway company, has arrived in this city and was in conference Saturday with some of the most import-ant capitalists of the country, represent-ing Morgan, Vanderbilt and Standard

garded as of peculiar interest in view of the recent stock market activity in Northern Pacific with the accompany-ing reports of a readjustment of the capitalization of that company, and his recent election also to the directorate of the Erie railroad, the shares of which have also been exceedingly active in the market. From inquiries it appears that Mr.

Hill's visit is of a special nature and will be brief. Attempts made to see Mr. Hill proved unavailing, as were also attempts to reach other prominent finan-ciers identified closely with such prop-erties as the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Eric roads.

Harmony of interest and community f ownership is the bee that buzzes in very Wall street bonnet at present, nd the suggestion is made that this heory may be extended to properties which, while not recently regarded as issurbing factors, might become so in ands other than those now represent-

Among such properties are the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Zric rallroad. The latter, it is said, has great potentialities, particularly since it has acquired the Pennsylvania Coal company and seems likely to assume an important position among the trunk lines.

trunk lines.

It is asserted upon the very best authority that three principal stockholders in the Great Northern railway, namely, James J. Hill, John S. Kennedy and Lord Strathcona, are now the three largest stockholders also of the Northern Pacific road. Lord Strathcona and Mr. Kennedy were formerly directors in the Great Northern. The former is a director and a member of the executive committe of the Canadian Pacific and is of great influence in Canadian affairs.

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ment to be made in railroad circles includes this proposition:

Entire harmony of interest in the morthwest between the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Canadian Pacific, and through community of ownership an arrangement with the St. Paul road in the middle section and the Erie railroad to tidewater, the eastern outlet to be used in much the same manner as the Lake Shore and New York Central are by the Northwestern and the Union Pacific. That in addition to this something is to be done in the line of a readjustment of Northern Pacific securities is the be-

the fin Wall street. In connection with the matter various plans have been sug-gested and the price movement gives evidence that something of the kind is under consideration.

CREDITORS RELENT. Permit Gould Estate to Cable \$20,800 to the Countess.

New York, Dec. 24.—Countess Castellane will have some Christmas after all, for \$20,890 was cabled her today. Attorneys for the count's creditors agreed for \$20,000 was cabled her today. At torneys for the count's creditors agreed to let her have that much, being the December allowance, pending litigation as to whether all of her annual income above \$20,000 a month shall be devoted to paying the Castellane debts. Her annual income from the \$18,000,000 said to be hers by the will of Jay Gould, her tarber is placed at \$200,000 father, is placed at \$900,000. Motor Race at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—Johnny Nelson, of Boston, beat Hardy Downing of San Jose in a five mile motor paced bleyele race on the Velodrome indoor track. He made the distance in 8.61 2-5, beating the world's record.

Little For Chosen Friends. would occur, the authorities decided to stop its sale entirely.

Holiday Bates.

The Missouri Pacific will sell tickets December 22, 23, 24, 25, 31 and annuary 1, between all points within 200 miles distance, at rate of one fare for the round trip, with minimum of 50 cents. Children between 5 and 12 years half fare.

Tickets limited for return to January 2.

COMING DRAMATIC EVENTS

"Cole and Johnson's" aggregation of colored comedians and entertainers will be seen at the Crawford theater tonight. They have surrounded themselves by a chorus of spiendid, strong and melodious voices. In addition to this Cole and Johnson will have an excellent individual seporert amongst whom may Cole and Johnson will have an excellent individual support, amongst whom may be mentioned Edna Alexander, a perfect type of southern beauty, her voice being rich and remarkably cultured; she has also an exceedingly graceful stage presence. Lloyd G. Gibba, America's leading colored tenor, who will have an entire new repertoire of songs. The old familiar Sam Lucas, who is known from Maine to California, Tom Craig, phenomenal basso, There will be also a host of new comers, Murphy and Slater, Rastus and Banks, Bluford sisters, Kittle Grasses, Carter and Hillman, and many others. The production will be entirely rewritten and up-to-date.

An engagement of Charles B. Hanford

An engagement of Charles R. Hanford in this city is always an event of interest. His coming production of a new play at the Crawford theater Christman matinee and night, is an occasion of especial note, affording as it does the first opportunity of seeing him in a modern drama. His impersonations of the great characters in the classics have been marked by so much intellectuality as well as personal grace that anything he does is awaited with confidence, and the fact that he stands sponsor for "Private John Allen" is in Itself a very high and convincing indorsement of its merits. The play presents a picture of life in the far south, with characters drawn from real people, and with complications and climaxes which give the plot absorbing interest. The author, Lee Arthur, is himself a southern man, who before writing "Private John Allen" for Mr. Hanford won a distinguished reputation as a dramatist through his "We 'Uns of Tennessee." Private John Allen is a man of heroic mould—one of the noble natures which command admiration whether they be portrayed in a toga or in a frock coat. His sacrifices for the sake of country, and for the woman he loves form the basis of the story, which combines humor with pathos, and force with tenderness. Mr. Hanford has devoted great care to the selection of a cast for his new play. The leading lady, Marie Drofnah, has been associated with him in many important productions. Her success has been pronounced and him in many important productions Her success has been pronounced and the character she now assumes is pe-culiarly suited to her talents. The beau which the author has suggested in his manuscript have been realized with all the art that the seeme painter can command, every scene used in the play being carried by the company.

MEXICO IN A MONEY PANIC China and Japan Drain the Republic of Its Silver Coin.

of its Silver Coin.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 24.—The heavy exportation of Mexican silver dollars to China and other oriental countries has caused the greatest panic ever known in the history of Mexico. Silver has been going through this port to China and Japan at the rate of \$50,000 a day for five months, and has practically drained all the silver out of the country. The banks have been endeavoring to keep the matter secret, but a few days ago acknowledged the truth and petitioned the federal government to stop the movement.

ment.

George W. Hilsinger, manager of the El Paso and Juarez branches of the Banco Minero, the strongest banking shouse in Mexico and Chihuahua, statoi that the government would place an export duty on silver to prevent the country from being cleared entirely. He says that the banks have plenty of money, but it is all in gold and American and British currency and worth nothing except as collateral.

The city authorities moved around rapidly Saturday and succeeded in getting the Sheldon hospital put in shape. A stove was put in and the necessary bedding was produced from some place. The floor was scrubbed and the windows washed. The lights and water had been put in before.

The cause of all the rush was the report that the Rev. C. M. Sheldon would return Sunday and they wanted to get the hospital in shape for his inspection.

Sankey Returns From Europe. Sankey Returns From Europe.

New York, Dec. 22—Ira B. Sankey, the evangelist and hymn singer, with his wife, was a passenger by the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse from Bremen.Southampton, and Cherbourg. He said he had been four months traveling, lecturing, and singing in England, Ireland and Scotland. One of his objects in returning here is to see his grandchild. Frances Hope Sankey, who was born in Brooklyn recently. He said that religion had changed in England since he last visited that country. He had observed that there was less theology and more belief in and admiration of Christ among the people than there ever had among the people than there ever had

HOLIDAY BATES

Via "Rock Island Route." One fare for the round trip to points within 200 miles, west of Missouri river. Tickets sold Dec. 22, 23, 24, 25, and 31, 1900, and Jan. 1, 1901. Return limit, Jan. 9, 1907.

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St. Paul. Minn., Dec. 22.—Some of the Mississippi river fishermen have discovered a gigantic scheme to feed the public on Mississippi catfish under the name of choice Columbia river salmon.

One of the fishermen says: "The story that Mississippi river fish are being canned and sold for salmon is true. At present the Industry is in the experimental stage, but I have private information that It has proved a complete success, and the people behind it are going into the business in the spring on a large scale.

Vancouver, R. C., Dec. 24.—It looks as though the sea were venting a pitiless spite upon the victima of the Alpha disaster. Three of the recovered bodies were being taken in a boat to the place of holding the coroner's inquest, when through the capsizing of the boat the three corpses were again swallowed up by the sea. The bodies were those of Purser J. H. Larber, Third Engineer Murray, and Sullivan, able seaman.

Japanese Official Resigns. New York, Dec. 23.—A disputch to the Herald from Tokio says: Baron Hosni Toru, the minister of communications, has resigned his post on account of an the street cleaning contracts of the city council. It is not believed that this resignation, even if persisted in, will cause a cabinet crisis.

Sloan to Ride Vesuvian. San Francisco, Dec. 24.—It is announced that Tod Shoan will ride Vesurian at Tanforan on Christmas under the Beense granted him by the San Francisco Jockey club. It is possible he may continue to accept mounts during the entire winter meeting.

Steel Car Works Burned. Joliet, Illi., Dec. 24.—The Fox Pressed Steel car works, one of the largest indus-tries in Joliet, was nearly destroyed by fire early today. The plant contained much costly machinery which is more or less damaged. The loss will reach many thousands of dollars. Two numbed men will be thrown out of work.

Lord Beresford Is Sick.

Baron Dormer Daad.

London, Dec. 34 - John Baptisfe Joseph Dormer, twelfth Baron Dormer, is dead, in the seventy-first year of his age. Holiday Excursions via Santa Fe Route.

Tickets on sale to points within 200 miles west of Missouri river. One fars for round trip. Tickets on sale Inc. 22, 23, 24, 25 and 31, 1900, Jan 1, final limit Jan 2